Relief to next-of-kin of Paramilitary Forces

*184. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is wide gap in the payment of relief/compensation to the next-of-kin of the armymen, paramilitary forces and the policemen who are killed in militancy related incidents;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the criteria for fixing the amount of relief in such cases;

(d) whether Government propose to bring about uniformity in the payment of relief amount to the victims' families; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. Although the service conditions of members of the Defence Services and those of Central Para-military forces are different, there is no wide difference between the relief/ compensation paid to the next-of-kin of Defence personnel and Central Para-military Personnel who are killed in militancy related incidents. The service conditions of the police are within the purview of State Governments.

(b) to (e) Do not arise,